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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN FOOD AID FUNDS FOR 1977 AND POSSIBLE LOWER UMR

REF: (A) STATE 6335, (B) EC BRUSSELS 2000

1. MISSION APPRECIATES PROMPT AND COMPREHENSIVE REPOSNSE  
TO REQUEST IN REF B. WE PASSED TO COMMISSION FOOD AID  
OFFICIALS DATA CONTAINED IN REF A AND DISCUSSED WITH THEM  
POSSIBLE CASE THAT EGYPT COULD MAKE FOR A LOWER UMR FOR  
FY -1978. THESE OFFICIALS ASKED US TO THANK WASHINGTON  
OFFICIALS FOR THESE DATA.

2. WE HAD NOT PLANNED TO MENTION US VIEWS REGARDING  
POSSIBLE LOWER UMR FOR EGYPT IN FY-1978, PREFERRING TO  
AWAIT FORMAL GOE REQUEST AND TO AVOID APPEARING THAT  
UNITED STATES IS TAKING THE INITIATIVE IN THIS MATTER.

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WE DID DISCUSS US EXPECTATION THAT EC MIGHT SEEK  
INTENTIONS/ADVICE OF OTHER SUPPLIER NATIONS SHOULD  
IT DECIDE TO SUPPORT A POSSIBLE GOE REQUEST FOR A  
LOWER UMR.

3. HOWEVER, DURING A SECOND CONVERSATION WE LEARNED  
THAT EC COMMISSION (DG-VI) BECAME AWARE OF USG

SUPPORT FOR A REDUCED UMR FOR EGYPT FOR 1978 (REF A, PARA 2) IN K. ARROWSMITH'S DISCUSSIONS WITH STATE AND USDA TWO WEEKS AGO. ARROWSMITH SAID THE GOE HAS NOT YET APPROACHED THE EC FOR A REDUCED UMR. IN THE ABSENCE OF A FORMAL GOE REQUEST, THE COMMISSION FEELS IT IS TOO EARLY TO COMMENT.

4. THE COMMISSION HAS DECIDED NOT TO PROPOSE REDUCING THIS YEAR'S SKIMMED MILK POWDER PROGRAM. AS A RESULT, THE EC DOES NOT HAVE THE EXTRA FOOD AID RESERVE FUNDS WHICH IT ORIGINALLY EXPECTED. (SEE REF B.) THIS MEANS THAT THE EC MAY NOT HAVE FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR A SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL INCREASE IN CEREAL FOOD AID TO EGYPT THIS YEAR. COMMISSION OFFICIALS SAY THAT THE GOE IS PRESSING FOR AN EXTRA 50,000 MT OF WHEAT ABOVE THE 100,000 MT WHICH THE EC HAS ALREADY ALLOCATED. AN EC MISSION IS CURRENTLY EVALUATING GOE NEEDS AND WE SHALL REPORT ON ITS FINDINGS WHEN IT RETURNS.  
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